

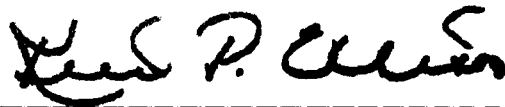
Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(c), supplemental jurisdiction is discretionary in certain circumstances, including cases in which the Court dismisses or stays the claims

which were the basis for federal jurisdiction. In such instances, the court has authority under § 1367(c) to choose whether to exercise supplemental jurisdiction, and has inherent authority to remand the remaining claims to state court. *ESAB Group, Inc. v. Zurich Ins. PLC*, 685 F.3d 376, 393-95 (4th Cir. 2012), *Gray v. Sage Telecom, Inc.*, 410 F. Supp. 2d 507, 512-13 (N.D. Tex. 2006) (supplemental jurisdiction over state law claims is a doctrine of discretion, not of plaintiff's right). In the Court's May 20, 2013 Memorandum & Order, the Court indicated that it would not maintain supplemental jurisdiction over the case if the federal claims were dismissed.

Therefore, the case is remanded to the 151st Judicial District Court, Harris County, for further proceedings.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**SIGNED** at Houston, Texas on this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keith P. Ellison", written over a horizontal line.

**KEITH P. ELLISON**

**US DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**